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1. On 5 February 1952, the western section of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer Heerstrasse, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), housed a unit headquarters staffed by numerous officers, some of whom wore tank insignia and a few, signal insignia. There were also some uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and black-bordered red epaulets. A convoy of four trucks, 25X1 entered the installation on 28 January. Each truck carried about 18 officers who wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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2. On 5 February, the eastern section of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Tramper Chaussee quartered about 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery and signal insignia; and some with black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. 25X1

20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets stood in front of the guardhouse of the Schuetzen Kaserne on 23 January. A motor column seen leaving the installation on the 23 January consisted of: 25X1 carrying 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; 3 sidecar motorcycles; and a driver training unit of 5 sidecar motorcycles with an officer and 13 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Troops seen at the drill field were engaged in close-order drill at platoon level, training in firing and telephone construction work.

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4. On 4 February, the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalderstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and some, red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. All barracks buildings were fully lighted during the evening hours.

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Only little training activity was noticed in the billeting area. Four units totaling 73 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried carbines and entrenching tools, were seen marching to the training area, while groups of between 10 and 45 soldiers engaged in combat training and training in firing in the adjacent wooded area.

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5. On 29 January, the hutment on Breitscheidstrasse quartered about 80 troops, including some who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. A unit seen marching into the hutment consisted of 1 officer and 53 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. Eighteen trucks were seen standing in the yard of the billeting area.

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6. the troops in all billeting areas at the military post followed a daily routine as stated below: reveille at 5:50 a. m.; callisthenics and singing from 7 to 8:30 a. m.; breakfast, 8:30 to 9:30 a. m.; close-order drill, training in firing, record practice and field training from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.; return to quarters and mess call from 3:30 to 4 p. m.; singing physical training, theoretical instruction and inside duties from 5 to 8 p. m. There was unusually large amount of time devoted to callisthenics. In addition, there were night exercises following the evening duties.

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7. On 22 January, four 85-mm AA guns were seen in emplacements at the Westend school. AA guns were no longer emplaced south of the Eberswalde-Finow railroad line.

25X1 8. On 15 January, the Schuetzen Kaserne on Tramper Chaussee quartered from 3,500 to 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. Eight rocket launchers were seen in the billeting area on 10 January, and about 70 troops were being trained with them. 25X1 Another 60 troops received training in firing at squad level and field training in the terrain south of the installation.

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9. The following activities were noticed in the Schuetzen Kaserne and the adjoining training area between 21 January and 2 February.

21 January. Combat training of soldiers wearing parkas for camouflage in snow. Rifle drill in the barracks yard.

22 January. Drill with eight 37-mm AA guns by about 60 troops. Physical 25X1 training.

23 January. Inspection of articles of clothing in the morning, and theoretical instruction in the quarters during the afternoon. 25X1

25 January. Inspection of the units by a general from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. The equipment observed during the inspection included 15 T-34/85 tanks, 10 rocket launchers and numerous trucks. There also were 20 x 37-mm guns.

26 January. Close-order drill in the barracks yard in the morning, followed by fatigue duties.

28 January. Theoretical instruction in the quarters in the morning. The troops were then off duty. A night road march toward Trampe, involving about 500 troops with rifles, gas masks and entrenching tools, began at 9 p. m.

29 January. No training activities.

30 January. Field training south of the installation, with the troops supported by tanks and subject to low level attacks by jet fighters.

31 January. Physical training from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m., including a long-distance run of troops wearing gas masks. 25X1

1 February. Theoretical instruction in the quarters from 10 a.m. to 1 p. m., followed by close-order drill in the barracks yard until 3 p. m.

25X1 * Comment. The information supports previous conclusions regarding the 25X1 identity of the units in the individual installations at the Eberswalde military post. However, the present report mentions 37-mm AA guns in the Schuetzen Kaserne for the first time since the 1951 fall maneuvers.

25X1 the AA guns belonged to the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mech Army. However, a previous report indicates that the components of the division moved to Camp Britz. 25X1 It therefore remains to be determined whether the AAA troops observed in the Schuetzen Kaserne in January 1952 were there only temporarily for training purposes or whether they were permanently stationed there. The T-34 tanks mentioned in paragraph 3 are believed to belong to the 51st (?) Mtrcl Regt of the Fourth Gds Mech Army, which is confirmed on Eberswalde until 17 January 1952.

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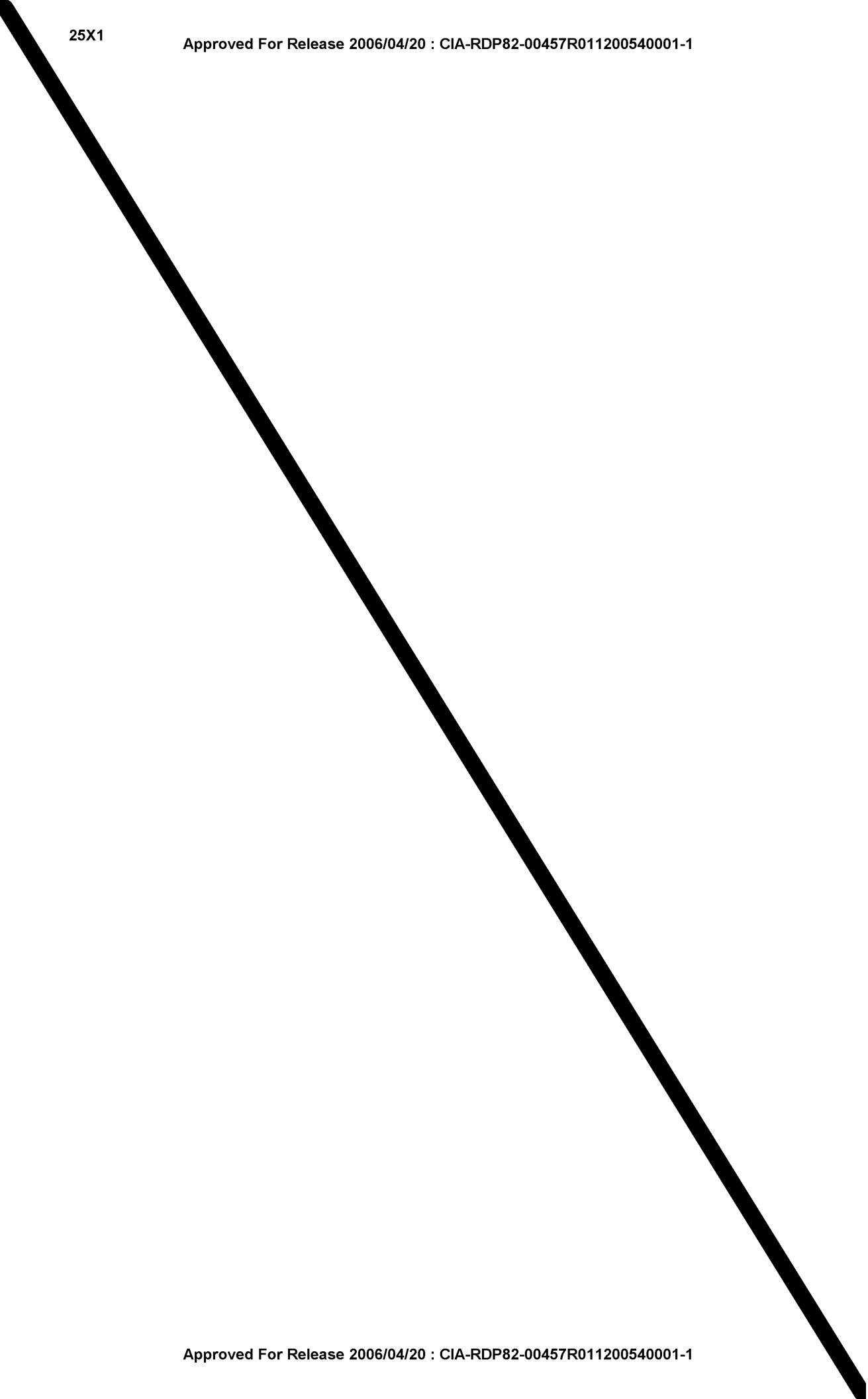

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